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The Iron Hand

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JERRY SIMPSON

E. CLARK.

TIM NOLAND

HOBART BOSWORTH.

CONNORS

J. CURTIS

SLIM

WM. MONG.

SLIM'S WIFE

GEORGE HARRIS.

SLIM'S BABY. (ROY LATER) (AGE 21) FRANK NEWBERG.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~W HARRIS.

MR. WINSLOW

W. HARRIS.

ENID WINSLOW

JANE NOVAK.

SYNOPSIS

Jerry Simpson, a grasping politician of the 7th Ward, spies Big Tim Noland, leader of a notorious gang, and tries to ingratiate himself into Tim's favor, offering him the job of lieutenant, hoping thus to swing a big majority of votes for the coming election. But Tim contemptuously refuses, which greatly annoys Simpson, who then threatens him, all being of not any avail.

Simpson then phones Connors, chief of the detectives and his right hand man, and they plan to "get" Tim.

Meanwhile Tim has returned to his gang and is called upon to decide upon the courage of Slim, a new applicant for membership to his gang. Tim applies the test of bravery and

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finds the young fellow lacking in nerve, and so the gang inform Slim that he will not do.

As Slim leaves their joint, Connors who has been watching the place, corners the young man and tries to pump him. Tim notices that Slim keeps a cool head and admires his pluck so walks up and tells Connors to leave his hands off of his friends. Then he calls on Simpson and informs him to that effect. But Simpson insinuates that he intends to be boss, and that if Tim steps on his toes he will go.

Tim's gang start to pull a job, but are caught by Connors and his men, who after a struggle, arrest Tim and Slim, and they are sentenced to a year in the penitentiary. Slim becomes very despondent and Tim, feeling sorry for the boy, writes to Billy Massy, a saloon keeper, asking him to take care of Slim's wife as he has money in the bank and will pay him when he is free.

Bringing the baby, Slim's wife calls at the jail, and after a visit with Slim, she asks if she may thank Tim for his kindness. When Tim appears, the baby puts his hands thru the bars and pats Tim's face, which brings him to a realization of his past life and he decides from now on to go straight.

The day their sentence expires, Connors calls on the warden and requests that he be allowed to talk with Tim. When Tim appears, Connors tries to intimidate him and bully him, but Tim after explaining that he intends to be on the square loses his patience and seeing that Connors will not let him alone, knocks him down. This infuriates the detective who orders the warden to arrest Tim. But the warden refuses saying that he

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tried to give a free man the third degree, and deserved the punishment.

Tim goes with Slim to his room, and finds Slim's wife dying; a neighbor attending to the child and the sick woman. After getting Tim and Slim's promise to bring the baby up on the square, the wife dies.

Tim tries hard to secure work for himself and Slim, but Connors and his men haunt them at every step and once when they have secured a job, a burly policeman steps up and informs the proprietor he is hiring a couple of crooks, so they are fired immediately.

Some of the old gang meet the two men and urge them to come back, but Tim stands firm in his resolve to go straight, and will have nothing to do with them. Slim is a weak character and being desperate, decides to join them, in spite of Tim's protests.

The following evening Slim does not come home, and Tim, amusing the baby with a rag doll he has made for the little fellow, gets worried and decides to look for him. So placing the baby in the coal box, he starts out. Meeting the burly policeman, Tim pleads with him not to hound them any longer, and the officer agrees to lay off.

Hearing a machinery plant, Tim hears shots and cautiously taking a look about, finds Slim, hidden in a boiler, shot. Tim tries to relieve him but Slim says he is done for and to make his get away.

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Connors and his men lay this crime to Tim's credit and lay in wait for his return, arresting him, in spite of his declaration that he is innocent, when the burly policeman appears and proves that Tim was at home when the robbery was committed.

Jerry Simpson has become alderman of the 7th Ward and is holding a reception to welcome all his friends. He is having an argument with a noted Dr. Brevoort, who holds that there is not such a thing as hereditary criminal instinct, Dr. Brevoort declaring that he is willing to prove his statements by adopting any child of criminal parents that Simpson will produce.

During the evening, Tim, having become desperate, calls on Simpson, asking for work, explaining that he has Slim's baby to support. Simpson then recalls Dr. Brevoort's offer, and tells Tim that the doctor will adopt the baby, which he does.

Fifteen years have passed and Tim, now a wealthy politician, is looking forward to Slim's baby, Roy Brevoort, who has just attained his majority, coming to live with him, according to the agreement with the doctor when he allowed him to adopt the child.

Roy, now a handsome young man, is engaged to Enid Winslow, whose father is leader of the Purity League in opposition to Tim's party. When Winslow finds that Roy has gone to live with his enemy, he declares the engagement broken. Roy goes to Tim with his trouble and Tim calls on Winslow, who is very insulting to him. Tim loses his temper and knocks the man down, then returns home and has a stroke of paralysis. Roy calling on Enid, learns what Tim has done and is very angry.

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declaring that he will no longer remain under Tim's control.

Tim having a deep love for the boy, writes to him, enclosing a check for \$25,000. Roy consults with Enid then tears up the check, informing Tim that his money is tainted. Winslow has won the election, but lost all his money on the stock market, and when he sees the torn check, begs Roy to request Tim to loan him the money.

Roy and Enid in company with her father, find Tim at the seashore, recuperating. When Roy makes known his errand, Tim announces that Winslow will personally have to request the money. Winslow, fearful and trembling and very much ashamed, enters and asks Tim, offering as security a bunch of worthless stock. Tim contemptuously laughs but gives him a check. As the three disappear, Tim broken hearted, falls with another stroke. The young people run back and find him unconscious. On opening his coat, they find the rag doll pressed tightly to his breast. Tim, upon awakening, finds love and appreciation ever by his side in the hearts of the two young people.

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